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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA SAID HE DISCUSSED EXTENSION OF CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT WITH TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY MENDEZ DOCURRO. RABASA TOLD ME MENDEZ HAD BEEN MOST UNHAPPY AT POSSIBILITY THAT US NEGOTIATORS WOULD NOT EVEN COME TO MEXICO AND WAS PLEASED THEY DID FINALLY COME FOR TALKS. MENDEZ HAD EXPRESSED REGRET TO FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT PREVIOUSLY WORKED OUT ROUTE PACKAGE HAD NOT BEEN FINALIZED BUT FELT SIX MONTHS EXTENSION WAS AT LEAST BETTER THAN EXTENSION FOR LONGER PERIOD WHICH HAD BEEN SUGGESTED.
2. RABASA COMMENTED THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE IN US- MEXICAN RELATIONS AND THAT HE WAS ACCORDINGLY FOLLOWING IT CLOSELY. HE SAID THAT HIS CURRENT ANALYSIS WAS THAT MEXICO' S DESIRE FOR NEW ROUTE PACKAGE WAS UNDERSTANDABLE. HE ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT EXCHANGE PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED WAS REASONABLE AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN APPROVED BUT THAT UNFORTUNATELY MEXICO WAS CAUGHT IN THE

MIDDLE OF THE BITTER INTERNECINE WARFARE AMONG US AIRLINES.
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